

Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

✓ In accordance with a presently preferred embodiment of the present invention an Enterprise Application Integration (EAI) system is used to broker the flow of information between the various services and adapters comprising the data networked management system of the present invention. The use of EAI systems in networked environments is well known by those of ordinary skill in the art. An example of an EAI system that can be incorporated in the presently preferred invention is the ActiveWorks Integration System, available from Active Software of Santa Clara, California. As shown in FIG. 3, such an EAI system 80 uses an information broker 82 as the hub of the system. The information broker 82 acts as the central control and storage point for the system. The information broker 82 can reside on a server and serves to mediate requests to and from networked clients; automatically queuing, filtering and routing events while guaranteeing delivery. The information broker 82 is capable of storing subscription information and using such subscription information to determine where published information is to be sent. Referring back to FIG. 2, the information broker 44 is shown located at a point along the information bus 42. In most instances the broker will be located within the same NOC 36 as the host 34 that runs the NCC 32 application. Another key feature to the EAI system 80 is the use of adapters 84 that allow users of the EAI system 80 to integrate diverse applications and other information when using the integration system. Adapters 84 provide bi-directional mapping of information between the application's native format and integration system events, enabling all custom and packaged applications, databases, and Internet and extranet applications to exchange